RARE ART OBJECTS IN \$1,000,000 FIRE

Vanderbilt Gallery, Connected With Federation of Fine Arts Building, in Ashes.

1,100 LIVES IMPERILLED deputy chiefs and battalion chiefs.

Nearly 1,100 budding artists of the

Art Students League were at work with brush or modelling stick when the first explosion came, and although they got Barely Escape as Blast Starts Flames.

The Vanderbilt Gallery, Fifty-eighth street annex of the Federation of Fine Arts Building, whose entrance is at 215 West Fifty-seventh street, was ruined by five yesterday morning. Nothing remained of it at noon except shapeless piles of seared bricks and a sodden heap of cinders containing the ashes of hundreds of paintings, old and new trreplaceable architectural designs and decorative panels and the fused metal of once lovely bronzes.

It was well nigh impossible last night to estimate with any degree of accuracy the money loss of the fire, for art defies set methods of appraisal, but in round figures it is safe to state that the conflagration which destroyed the famous salon, which was barely held back from consuming the entire Fine Arts Building and which threatened a whole section of the city, cost \$1,000,000, and held as well the hopes of many young artists whose inspiration and labor went up in smoke.

Evil fortune brought it about that a re should leap from nowhere, with the sudden unexpectedness of a bomb explosion, to send waves of flame through floors saturated with the necessary inflammables of the painter's art just on the eve of an exhibition which had drawn to the Vanderblit Gallery per-haps 3,000 paintings, a superb collection of art objects for home decorations, a notable assemblage of bronzes and mar bles and a very complete exhibition of architects' drawings and designs, not to sention a number of paintings permanently hung upon the walls of the gallery and which came from famous collections of old masters. House painters and decorators were preparing the gallery and connecting rooms for the thirtyeixth exhibition of the Institute of Ar chitecture, and electricians were instal ling new wiring when the fire began.

Art Societies Suffer.

The Federation of Fine Arts Building. nning through the block between Broadway and Seventh avenue from Fifty-seventh street to Fifty-eighth stree houses a number of art societies, which produce or attract objects of the fine arts that set a standard for this side of the world. These are the Federated association of Fine Arts, the National Academy of Design, the New York Chamer of the National Architectura clety and the Art Students League, Had Chief Kenion's men been unable to wall back the fire from the southern reaches of the various galleries the loss would have been incalculable, and the fact that they did beat back the fire stands as ne of the best recent accomplishments of New York's fire force,

Shortly before 10 A. M., while the whole building was in a stir of activity not only with its customary daily em-ployment but with the preliminaries of the exhibition and the dinner planned for last night, which was to hive inau-gurated the exhibition, there was a sharp explosion, a fierce hissing and a blinding flash in green and blue, all arising ap-parently in a corner of the second floor of the gallery. These phenomena, rewere in the gallery at the time, go with R short circuit—contact with wires which should never have touched—and so the police and the firemen nut down the cause of the big blaze as defective wiring and short circuiting of wires. It may have been that; or, as others thought, a painter may have been care-less with an acetylene torch.

The fire began and leaped forward like a victous, living thing. Its hunger was swiftly fed with varnish, paint, gasolene, canvas, picture frames, wooden flooring and silk and velvet hangings. From the instant it began there was never a chance to save the Fifty-eighth street side of the building and less than an even chance to save the whole rine Arts Building. Within fifteen minutes after the first flash and report that startled everybody within earshot the Venderbilt Gallery was a red, roaring furnace into which splintered glass was falling and brick walls were toppling. and into which also men came very near being engulfed.

Perhaps it was fortunate that an en-

The Lure of the Riviera-

ing the Pleasure-serv-Former Years.

this veritable fairyland descriptive stories in the

MAGAZINE SECTION

NEW YORK HERALD

Tomorrow

OCEAN SWALLOWS **500 CASES WHISKEY**

gine company, No. 23, lived across the street and that Paddy Murphy, captain

of this company, saved seconds in get-ting his men into the Fine Arts Build-

ing and putting three lines of hose to work where they would do the most good—which is to say, in the north side

out without difficulty and in calm order, they nevertheless had to hurry. Alsong

these was a group of a life class draw-ing from the nude, and their two models, as innocent of clothing as

coats over them, bundled them into shapeless figures and hustled them into

the street and the protecting anonymity

of a taxicab. Besides all these were the painters and decorators, few of

whom had time to seize their acces-

sories when Capt. Murphy charged in with the roaring command to "Beat it!"

Apartments Threatened.

By 11 o'clock the danger of a spread

of the fire was gone, but in the mean-

the main structure. It will require sev-

ral days before more than an approxi-

mation of the less to art and of the

the number of objects that were de-

stroyed. Also a list will be made of the

old paintings, some derived from the

Morgan, Vanderbilt and Rockefeller col-

ections, that were eaten up by the fire

Arthur Crisp, vice-president of the

"Such things as were burned are not

of the finest work that is being

replacable," said Mr. Crisp. "In addition to paintings and statues, repre-

senting the best work of old artists and

ione by the new, there were many

and their contemporaries are expected to enter a substitute exhibition to re-

lace this disastrous one. Arrangements

o that end were under way while the

EMBARGO POSSIBLE

Retaliation by United States

Also Suggested.

ing to the present rate of consu Sir Andrew declared.

FREE WHISKEY ORDERED.

U. S. Marshal at Detroit to Sup-

ply Physicians.

DETROIT, Jan. 30. United States Marshal Henry Behrendt was authorized this morning in a telegram from Washington

to furnish free of charge to all reputable physicians whiskey to be used in the

treatment of influenza cases.
The Marshal was instructed to deliver

the whiskey only when satisfied it was intended for legitimate purposes and to

guard against any abuse of the order

He will be required to keep a record of the quantity furnished each physician

and the latter will report to the authori-ties the name of the patient for whom it

s prescribed and the amount furnished

FEWER CASES IN CHICAGO.

Special Despatch to THE SCH.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Influenza's grip on the city is being shaken loose, according to the figures reported to-day to Health Commissioner Dr. John Dill Robertson, who returned from Washington to find to-day's total of new cases 1,101, as against 1,298 yearshay.

against 1.326 yesterday.

To-day's deaths were 88, against 89 yesterday. The total number of new cases of pneumonia was 363 as against 443 yesterday, with a total of 80 deaths

Prof. Fife Joins Columbia.

ginia studied at Gottingen and Leipsic, receiving the degree of doctor of phil-osophy from the latter institution. He has edited a number of German let-books and monographs on German lit-

The Gebhard professorship in Ger-

as against 84 yesterday.

ruins still exhaled smoke

CANADIAN PULP

American Institute of Architecture, said

catastrophe to art was hard to reckon

good—which is to say, in the north side of the fire, wetting down its possible pathway toward the Fifty-seventh street main building. While Paddy's men were struggling desperately in the acrid smoke that poured out of the burning mess of paints and oils Deputy Chief Curtin arrived, took one swift survey and rang in a second, then a third alarm. These brought the Old Man himself, Kenlon, with an array of deputy chiefs and battallon chiefs. Yarmouth's Cargo Is Broached in Port Here and Captain Must Explain To-day.

MORE STILLS ARE SEIZED

Brooklyn Residents Getting Steel Safe Doors to Guard Private Booze Cellars.

Somewhere off Cape May, settling into the sea bottom, lies a treasure more to be desired than the sea bottom. more to be desired than the gold doubloons and pieces of eight in the well steamship Yarmouth put out for Cuba are still under her hatches. Davy Jones added to his private stock 500 cases, or

time the tenants of the Osborn apartment house, at Seventh avenue and Fifty-seventh street, had been warned into the street by the police, and 150 This pitiable circumstance and several other interesting facts came to light yesterday afternoon as the result of a horses from the stables of the Central Park Riding Academy in Seventh avevisit paid to Federal Prohibition Agent Sheviln's office by Edward D. Smith, a Milliken of Maine Plans Convennue, near by, had been haltered and led out of danger. A good deal of damage had been done by water to the rooms of the Federation of Fine Arts main young negro who is secretary of the Black Star Line, under whose flag the

vessel is operated.

Mr. Smith also informed Mr. Shevlin oullding on the Fifty-seventh street aide, though fire had not reached any part of that the \$4,800,900 cargo had been con-nors of at least thirty States that rati-signed to eighteen or twenty New York fied the Eighteenth Amendment to the people, to be delivered, however, in Ha-Federal Constitution Carl E. Milliken, people, to be delivered, however, in Havana. He said that the manifests and bills of lading had been made out that

damage in dollars can be reckoned, for a list must be made up of the artists who contributed paintings or modellings to the proposed exhibition, together with age Sunday morning, having been pro- Justice had agreed to act in an advisor Elushus Cockburn of the Yarmouth appear before him this morning to explain some of the mysterious disap-pearances from the whiskey cargo after the fire that the extent of the which have taken place since the vessel returned to New York the secretary of the Black Star Line was not so certain about the sailing date.

> Must Explain Missing Whiskey. Smith wanted to know why the pr

architects' drawings and designs of exhibition agents had taken charge of the treme value which cannot possibly be restored. The loss in art objects alone might be figured at \$750,000, and cer-"Because I want to know just what your intentions are with regard to this cargo," Mr. Sheviin told him. "To my tainly the total loss will run well over a

tor's entry blank releases the sponsors from liability for damage which may result to a painting or statue. Among the one hundred exhibits perhaps the most notable were a fifteenth century triptych of the Italian Rennaisance and a drawing by John Sargent, which was loaned by him. Both were in the Horace Moran room. Members of the catalogue announced last night that

committee announced last night that none of the valuable specimens from the Morgan collection were destroyed.

Mr. Sheviin questioned the steamship official regarding the nature of the damages which made it necessary for the committee of the secretary control of the secr Morgan collection were destroyed.

Prominent among the artists who were exhibiting were W. T. Bender, Edwin H. Blashfield, A. Stirling Calder, Arthur Criep, Louise H. H. Cox, Arthur Criep, Lidder Kontl and John Gregory. They did not think it was in the hull, but that and their contemporaries are expected and figured in some way.

Ages which made it necessary for the Yarmouth to turn back. The secretary was unable to tell what damages had been sustained, but he said that he understood the ship had sprung a leak. He listore Kenesha, 50; Oshkosh, 51; Racine, 53; Madison, 34; Superior, 199.

Colorado—1,500 cases, of which Density of the Yarmouth to turn back. The secretary was unable to tell what damages had been sustained. a porthole had figured in some way.

Asked why the captain had chosen to

ome back to New York when there were other ports nearer at hand the secretary said it was the captain's preference to come back here, as this was the port from which he had cleared.

Lock Sawed Off a Bulkhead.

"How did one of the hatches come t erstand that a lock was sawed off a

steel bulkhead leading from the engine room to the hold and that one of the wooden hatches were smashed."
Smith said he didn't know, but tha Montreal, Jan. 36.—Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of the Province of Quebec, announced to-night the possibility of an embargo on the pulp and pulpwood resources of the Jrovince of Quebec. He said the Provincial Government would rigidly maintain the present policy of keeping Canadian raw materials for the use of Canadian mills.

The had heard that some men had tried to dig through the bunkers to get at the whiskey, and that one man had tried to take a whole case off the ship. He sain he believed Capt. Cockburn had the key to the hatches.

Continued evidence of amateur activities.

keeping Canadian raw materials for the use of Canadian mills.

An embargo on the export of pulp wood and the pulp to the United States would lead to retaliation, Sir Andrew McPhall of McGill Unive sity, declared to the convention of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association. He added that if the United States in retaliation should cut off the supply of coal to Canada for one year "every building in Montreal would be frozen out before spring."

Canadian pulp wood resources, pre
to the hatches.

Continued evidence of amateur actly-live in the manufacture of booze was uncovered yesterday by the prohibition agents. A squad of the still hunters under Ray Loftus went to an apartment in the rear of a shoe store at 124 Cherry street and found fifty-eight empty grape trates, a fruit crusher and three barrels of red wine. John Vosocea, living there, said that he had made the wine six months ago, but he was placed under active Waterloo.

Honolulu—Numerous cages of influence of saids arriving on vessels; po further details.

Shee Workers Get Raise.

Cincinnari, Jan. 30.—An increase in pay ranging from 18 to 25 per cent. said that he had made the wine six months ago, but he was placed under active waterloo.

Canadian pulp wood resources, prelously considered almost inexhaustible.

One man appeared =t the Custom to the various delow are estimated by the Canadian Dearrent of Forest to Forest to Forest to the control of Forest to Forest partment of Forestry to be sufficient for some than thirty-four years accord-

gallon still which he wanted to surrender. He was J. Moser of 2382 Putnam COFFINS RISE WITH avenue, Brooklyn. He told the officers that he had seen the contraption adver-tised in a paper and that he had bought

Barrels of Red Wine Seised.

Federal Prohibition Agents Denni Mollan and John E. Kilcourse found four barrels of red wine at 200 East 126th street. Louis Zapoiz told them he had begun to make it back in Hep-tember, but he was ordered to appear in the United States Attorney's office to-day on a charge of manufacturing wine. The same men found a gallon of whiskey and two gallons of port wine at 2374 Third avenue, and premmons to Richard Gans to sented a summons to Rich appear at the same place.

Three small home stills were in Brooklyn yesterday. Agent J. H. Davis found one in the possession of F. Ratzel at \$29 Marion street and an-other in that of Chris Offerman at 415 Uhauncey street. Agent R. E. Connolly

cellars with steel safe doors, according known collection of Capt. Kidd. For the safe truth is out that not all of the 40,000 cases of whiskey with which the safe truth is out that not all of the which has installed them. The doors "Unfortunately there is a great difference of opinion among scientific men cost between \$150 and \$200 each. A ference of opinion among scientific men carload more is expected in a few days. as to the causative factor for influenza. added to his private stock 500 cases, or 6,000 bottles, which had to be thrown hibition amendment in Brooklyn is scheduled to start Monday. Federal secheduled to start Monday. Federal secheduled to start morphisms, and the American investigators, at least, are scheduled to start morphisms. This plaints have information regarding mined. Until it is determined any saloon keepers suspected of selling vaccine for the prevention of the dis-

DRYS SEEK AID OF HUGHES.

tion to Meet Attacks.

By way of preparing a programm Governor of Maine and one of the most militant of drys, consulted yesterday Way.

The secretary confidently told Mr.

Shevlin that the Yarmouth was exMilliken would not affirm the general pected to resume her interrupted voy- opinion that the former Supreme Court nounced seaworthy by the repairers or any other capacity should Gov. Milli But when Mr. Shevlin had finished his ken and other State executives elect to questioning with the request that Capt. ken and other State executives elect to pital in the city yesterday:
fight openly the efforts of the States of "In the crisis which now confront New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island to overturn prohibition.

Gov. Milliken was accompanied to Mr. Hughes's office by Guy H. Sturgis, Attorney-General for Maine. The Governor has communicated with more than thirty Governors with a view of holding the dry convention soon, but was districtined | Catholic people, I, as Archbishop, in the to reveal the opinions of those with Mr. Hughes declined to make any ament upon the conference with Gov

EPIDEMIC SPREADS OVER WIDE AREA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 .- A summary of I

ports of influenza received by the Pub- given reward will be superabundant. c Health Service to-day showed these

New York State (exclusive of New York city) -Influenza, 1,156; pneumonia, Manhattan Rhode Island-Scattered cases,

chich Providence reports 55 Ohio-Total of 500 or 400 cases so far : all mild.

-1,500 cases, of which Den er has 192. Utah-Scattered; Salt Lake City, 251 ses, four deaths.

North Dakotn—About 300 cases, Oregon—Several hundred cases, inuding 28 at Portland. New Mexico-85 in Sta

Montana --- About 140 cases, scattered Texas-Over 600 cases reported yesrday Wyoming-Over 195 cases reported esterday Washington-540 cares

Arkansas-Scattered throughout the Missouri-St. Louis, 452; Kansas City 215; St. Joseph, 56; Jefterson City, 25

Honolulu-Numerous cases of influenza arriving on vessels; po further de-

INCREASE OF FLU

Continued from First Page.

have been kept at home by the fear of their parents.

The fine work of Miss Lillian D. Wald. chairman of the Nurses Emergency Council, was again highly praised by Dr. Copeland.

Sceptical on Paris "Cure."

A report from Paris yesterday stated a serum had been found that would cure influenza and sleeping sickness. Commissioner Copeland was sceptical abou

"Sleeping sickness and influenza are identical in origin," he said. "This office coined the word 'epidemic comma' last year to cover sleeping sickness secondary to influenza. Whenever a germ respon-In Brooklyn owners of private stocks are taking no chances. Five hundred of them have barred the entrances to their cellars with steel safe doors, according to the taking no chances. Five hundred of them have barred the entrances to their cellars with steel safe doors, according the vaccine that will protect against the

> ease or serum intended for its cure mus rely experimental.

"At the present moment I view with suspicion and doubt all statements re garding the virtues of any such biologica oducts."

According to reports received by th Public Service Commission yesterday there were 2,402 men on the sick list of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit sys-tem, the New York Rallways Company and the Third Avenue Rallway Company. This is nearly 10 per cent. of the total number of men employed b these companies.

Archbishop Haves Makes Appenl. Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes wrote th llowing letter to each Catholic ho

us it is clearly the duty of every loyal citizen to aid to the utmost of his or her ability the Commissioner of Health in his great effort to help the stricker and to stamp out this blighting epidemic "Following the traditions of the past name of my people, have pledged the fullest cooperation of our hospitals and nurses to Commissioner Copeland. He has accepted our offer with unstinted praise of hospital and nurse.

"Recalling the generous and unfilned ing sacrifice made by our nursing profession during the recent war, I an confident that the appeal I now make million."

Of all the loss only the building itself is covered by insurance. Nothing remains for the artists whose works were destroyed. A clause in every exhibitor's entry blank releases the sponsors from liability for damage which may be found the after deck, apparently ready to be moved."

Washington, Jan 20 A summary of the after deck apparently have been taken from the ship. I want their disappear ance explained, and also the reason why founded away do not the after deck, apparently ready to be moved."

Washington, Jan 20 A summary of the after deck apparently have been taken from liability for damage which may be a summary of the after deck apparently ready to be moved."

"The labor will be herolc, but the Go

Yesterday's report was as follows: Total, city..... Total to date.... Corresponding day 4203 New Jersey had an increase of 582

influenza cases and 58 pneumonia cases



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WHEN NATURE WONT

PLAGUE SERUM CURES INFLUENZA IN PARIS

Pasteur Institute Production Used With Success.

yesterday over the day preceding. The consists simply of hypodermic injections who relards his remedy as sovereign, totals were 1,496 and 186 respectively. Of the anti-plague serum produced at The Polish Government has call he Pasteur Institute here

pplied successfully in the same group f diseases. His experiments began on Subway Jostlers Go to Workhouse. nimself after a laboratory accident in October, 1918, in which he inoculated to walk into proself with influenza microbes. He sirest subway

The Polish Government has called while asserting that grip is not at all the plague in that country, and he will related to the bubonic plague, Dr. start for that country at once. His expoints out that the same serum may be in England, Scandinavia and Germany

Two heavy footed pedlers who tried Special Cable Despatch to The Sex.
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PARIS, Jan. 30.—The recurrence of the influenza epidemic on a large scale in Europe and America has directed special attention to a discovery of a Paris physician who, after long continued experiments, asserts he has found a remedy for grip in its various forms. This

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